

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
H-405, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **School-Based Violence Prevention** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Baltimore**, located at 100 N. Holliday Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

The funding would be used for evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention approaches that can yield significant preventative effects on youth violence or risk and protective factors for youth violence, as well as the economic benefits that far outweigh implementation costs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Since 2011, the Baltimore City Health Department has implemented school-based violence prevention in 18 middle and high schools and 3 community-based programs. Through this program, 2,537 students in grades 6-12 participated in conflict resolution skill training, teen dating violence curricula sessions, after school clubs, and school/community awareness events; an average of 14 school and community-based implementers were trained annually; 90 conflicts between students, staff and families were mediated from 2021-2022.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress